

# ' The Citty Prophesier. Or, the country Fortuneteller.

Here in these Lines the which below are pend,  
You may know when these hard times will amend,  
For they will show, Exactly, right, and plain,

Tune of, *Oh is not Old England, grown New.*

When as we shall enjoy good times again.  
Observe them well, and then you all will say,  
'Tis worth your time and leisure for to stay.

By *Tho. Lanfere.*



**A**ll you Honest Men in Country and town,  
Which by the bad times much hardship have  
Observe, & I briefly to you will let down, (known  
When the times will be better again, again,  
When as the times will mend again.  
Then mark well my subject which I shall declare  
'Tis worth your attention, if you will it hear,  
I briefly unto you all now will declare,  
When, &c.  
When great rates and taxes are took away,  
From Country & City, which men yearly pay,  
If you chance to live for to see that day;  
Then the times will be better again, again,  
Oh then the times will mend again.

When a Counsellor pleads without ere a Fee,  
And a Usurer throweth away his Money,  
When that comes to pass, you plainly shall see  
That the, &c.  
When as all rich men so liberal doth grow,  
That to the poor part of their means they bestow  
If we could see such doings, I certainly know,  
That the, &c.  
When all men to each other faithful doth prove  
For to live still in unity, true peace, and love;  
And envy & mallice from their hearts remove;  
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**W**hen trading is quick, as it was formerly, when all knaves prove honest, & thieves do turn  
In City and town, and in the Country; (true,

And money with all men flow plentifully;  
Then the times will be better again, again,  
Oh then the times will mend again.

When Desimulation forsaketh the Land,  
That plain-dealing may get the upper hand,  
And conscience in all mens hearts firmly doth  
Then the, &c.

When Bachelors do fetch forth their silver & gold, when painting & patching is quite laid aside,  
The which in their chests is grown rusty & old; by those which doth set their delight all in pride  
Oh when Honesty is by Knaves to be sold:  
Then the, &c.

When all Neighbours leaveth strife & debate,  
And live still in peace and not each other hate,  
And forgerie and lying is worn out of date;  
Then the, &c.

When swearing & drunkenness all men do abhor,  
And fully conclude for to use them no more,  
Oh when the City doth yield no trade for a  
Then the, &c.

When cheating & rouzening is proclaim'd down  
throughout all the Kingdom in country & town  
Oh then the times will mend again.  
And covetousness is from rich mens hearts  
Then the, &c.

And leave off their old ways, for to take up new  
Oh when every Creditor is paid his due:  
Then the, &c.

When flaunting Periwigs are out of request  
And Ladies with curled locks hates to be dressed  
Oh when greedy rich men their poor neighbours  
Then the, &c.

When Round-heads & Quakers their religion  
(remove,  
To turn Cavaliers, & church-government love,  
Oh when Lawyers to Clergys do honest-men  
Then the, &c.

When these things come to pass, I will assure  
That the times will be better again, again, (you,  
Oh then the times will mend again.

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With Allowance, Ro. L'Orange.

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